

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, 13, 15-26, 29-31, 37, 40-47 and 56-68, as amended, are pending in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. In response to the advisory action, and without acquiescing in the section 112 rejection, Applicants have amended claims 3, 4 and 50 to advance the prosecution of this application. In addition, as Applicants Rule 132 declaration will now be entered, it is respectfully submitted that the invention was completed prior to the March 11, 2002 publication date of the Gray PCT application, so that all rejections based in whole or in part upon Gray should be withdrawn.

As all rejections have been overcome, it is believed that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. In the event that the Examiner does not agree that all claims are now allowable, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in an effort to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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